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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 14, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph 1, on page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A) One such publish/subscribe system which is currently in use, and which has been developed by the Transarc Corp. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the assignee of the present patent application, IBM Corp.) is shown in Fig. 1. Publishers 110 and 120 connect to the publish/subscribe broker network 2 and send published messages to broker network 2 which distributes the messages to subscribers 31, 32, 33, 34. Publishers 110 and 120, which are data processing applications which output data messages, connect to broker network 2 using the well known

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